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SUBJ: FFP - PL480 TITLE II DELIVERIES OF COMMODITIES TO UNRWA

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1. UNRWA COMPTROLLER CALLOW, IN LETTER TO EMBOFF SEP 13, EXPRESSED CONCERN AT NEWS (RECEIVED VIA UNICEF/NY) THAT USG HAS INTERRUPTED ITS FLOUR-PROCUREMENT PROGRAM FOR UNRWA FROM JUN THROUGH SEP. HE AWARE, OF COURSE, OF REASONS FOR THIS OUTLINED STATE 148732, BUT HE NOTES THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENT AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME THREATENS TO LEAVE AGENCY SHORT OF FLOUR FOR DISTRIBUTION IN SOME OR ALL OF ITS OPERATING AREAS IN DEC-JAN. SAYS SCHEDULE UNRWA HAD PROPOSED FOR US FLOUR DELIVERIES (BEIRUT A-159, AUG 23), WHICH TOOK INTO ACCOUNT NORMAL DELIVERY POSSIBILITIES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS, SEEMS LIKELY BE THROWN SERIOUSLY OUT OF WHACK BY THIS REDUCTION IN USG PROCUREMENT.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, CALLOW ASKS THAT USG GRANT HIGHEST POSSIBLE PRIORITY TO UNRWA'S NEEDS AND RESUME SHIPMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALTHOUGH THIS PARTICULARLY APPLIES TO SHIPMENTS VIA AQABA (BECAUSE OF LONGER SAILING TIME), UNCLASSIFIED

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IT ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS APPLICABLE TO SHIPMENTS VIA ASHDOD

AND BEIRUT. CALLOW ALSO REQUESTS UNRWA BE KEPT INFORMED ON FUTURE PROGRESS OF USG TITLE II COMMODITY PROCUREMENT IN ORDER FOR IT TO HAVE BETTER ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANY DELAYS THAT MIGHT LEAD TO NON-AVAILABILITY OF STOCKS AT ANY TIME IN COMING MONTHS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND USDA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST SAMUEL ROMERO IS DUE ARRIVE BEIRUT SHORTLY TO DISCUSS WITH UNRWA OFFICIALS QUESTIONS RELATING TO AID/W PROPOSALS RE OVERLAND SHIPMENT OF TITLE II COMMODITIES TO JORDAN (BEIRUT 6424 AND PREVIOUS). WOULD HOPE ROMERO'S VISIT WILL HELP THROW LIGHT ON ABOVE POINTS RAISED BY CALLOW, BUT THAT IN MEANTIME DEP TNA AID/W WILL GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO CALLOW'S REQUESTS.
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